

**FLOYD TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
W. SKIP BISHOP JR., TOWN HALL  
December 16, 2021  
5:30 P.M.  
MINUTES**

**MEETING CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Griffin called the December 16, 2021, meeting of the Floyd Town Council to order.

**ROLL CALL** – Vice Mayor Patton, Councilman Turner, Councilman Whitaker, Councilman Bond, Mayor Griffin, Town Manager Cox, and Town Attorney Murrell were present.

**MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER-**

Mayor Griffin called for a moment of silent prayer.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-**

Vice-Mayor Patton led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CITIZENS COMMENTS-**

No citizens comments were made.

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION-**

**A. Delegate-elect Marie March-**

Delegate-elect March attend the meeting to discuss upcoming bills that she will be supporting once taking office. Mrs. March also asked the Council if there was anything they needed on the Town level. Mrs. March discussed one of the Floyd County Board of Supervisor’s priorities to improve the safety of Route 8 towards the Montgomery County line. She is hoping to be able to support this project and bring more funds to the Department of Transportation for these improvements.

Mrs. March also discussed her support of the following bills being proposed:

- Allowing municipalities and schools to display the flag decals and In God We Trust on government vehicles and school buses.
- Supporting free lifetime hunting and fishing license privileges for Fire, EMS, Volunteer Rescue, Law Enforcement and Dispatchers with 3 years of service in one of these capacities.
- A Tim Tebow bill where private school students would be able to pay a fee to play public school sports. Currently private school students are not allowed to play public school sports.
  - Vice-Mayor Patton voiced concerns of reducing funding to public schools and stated that he fully supports funding public schools.
- Greater protection for landlords from rent moratoriums.
- Proposing a study to have a searchable database from each locality of information available under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

- Proposing a time study of every State mandated form to ensure the business or individual completing the form is compensated for their time completing the form.

Mrs. March continued that the bills mentioned are in the drafting phase and have not been finalized.

Mayor Griffin asked about Mrs. March’s understanding of the gas tax on Interstate 81 and how the funds from that can help locally. Mrs. March stated she would research this topic.

Councilman Turner discussed the antiquated Public Service Authority (PSA) water and sewer system and the need for assistance updating the infrastructure. He continued that Floyd County has been able to provide assistance through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), however, it would be nice to know where to go for additional funding. Mayor Griffin continued that the PSA serves both Floyd County and the Town of Floyd, as well as the Industrial Park.

Mayor Griffin asked if there would potentially be funding for locality owned roads. He continued that the Town owns around 10 very small roads within the Town that we are responsible for maintaining and do not have the ability to raise the funds to properly maintain them. Mayor Griffin continued by saying the infrastructure needs are great in our community.

Vice-Mayor Patton thanks Delegate-elect March for attending our meeting and providing an update. He stated that he would like to invite her back after each session is over to learn about the latest legislation. Mrs. March stated she was here to be the voice of Floyd and she was happy to come back to a future meeting.

**B. Financials-**

Council members reviewed the November financials provided in their packets. Revenues continue to exceed our budget expectations, mainly due to Meals & Lodging taxes coming in. Real Estate and Personal Property taxes are coming in and over 80% have been received to date.

**C. Appointments-**

Town Manager Cox presented two appointments to the Town of Floyd Planning Commission that are set to expire in December 2021.

Vice-Mayor Patton makes a motion, seconded by Councilman Bond, to reappoint Ms. Joann Verostko and Mr. Wayne Horney to the Town of Floyd Planning Commission with a term ending on December 31, 2025.

Vice-Mayor Patton—aye  
Councilman Turner—aye  
Councilman Whitaker—aye  
Councilman Bond—aye  
Mayor Griffin—aye

Town Manager Cox informs Council that Councilman Turner’s appointment to the Floyd-Floyd County Public Service Authority (PSA) was set to expire at the end of the month.

Councilman Bond makes a motion, seconded by Vice-Mayor Patton, to reappoint Mr. Bruce Turner to the Floyd-Floyd County Public Service Authority with a term ending December 2025.

Vice-Mayor Patton—aye  
Councilman Turner—abstain  
Councilman Whitaker—aye  
Councilman Bond—aye  
Mayor Griffin—aye

**TOWN MANAGER’S REPORT-**

Town Manager Cox reminded the Councilmembers of the Conflicts of Interest training that needs to be completed by the end of the month. Mayor Griffin asked when they were required to have it completed, Town Manager Cox stated December 31, 2021 is the last day.

Town Manger Cox expressed her gratitude to Beegle Landscaping for donating the Christmas Tree in the Town Parking lot again this year.

Town Manager Cox presented an email from Ms. Amy Ingram updating Town Council on the legislative change that may require a new election precinct. Ms. Ingram sent an email today updating us on the waiver she had requested that would have required the Town to have a separate precinct from the Courthouse District. At this moment, the Department of Elections is stating that we will not have to have a separate polling place, we will be able to maintain the current town and non-town precinct split.

**OTHER**

Councilman Whitaker reported that there were several snowflakes missing bulbs around town that he would like the public works crew to take a look at. Town Manager Cox stated that each bulb is check prior to installing the snowflakes and they are checked after they are installed.

Mayor Griffin asked if there were any updates on the staff holiday dinner. Vice-Mayor Patton stated he does not have an update at this time.

**CLOSED SESSION-**

Vice-Mayor Patton makes a motion, seconded by Councilman Whitaker, to go into closed session for interviews of the Town Clerk position and review of resumes under Section 2.2-3711, Paragraph A. Section 1, Discussion, consideration, or interviews of prospective candidates for employment: assignment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining, or resignation of specific public officers, appointees, or employees of any public body.

- Vice-Mayor Patton—aye
- Councilman Turner—aye
- Councilman Whitaker—aye
- Councilman Bond—aye
- Mayor Griffin—aye

Councilman Bond makes a motion, seconded by Vice-Mayor Patton, and unanimously carried; it was resolved to come out of closed session.

- Vice Mayor Patton-aye
- Councilman Turner—aye
- Councilman Whitaker—aye
- Councilman Bond—aye
- Mayor Griffin—aye

**CERTIFICATION RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, this Council convened in a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote on the motion to close the meeting to discuss §2.2-3711 A.1., interviews of the Town Clerk position and review of resumes, of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act;

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Council that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council hereby certifies that, to the best of each member’s knowledge (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act were heard, discussed or considered in the closed meeting to which this certification applies; and (2) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the meeting to which this certification applies.

- Vice Mayor Patton-aye
- Councilman Turner—aye
- Councilman Whitaker—aye
- Councilman Bond—aye
- Mayor Griffin—aye

This Certification Resolution was adopted.

Mayor Griffin states there is not a need to go into Closed Session under §2.2-3711 A.7, Consultation with Legal Counsel as stated on the agenda.

Council discussed the intent to hold a meeting for the sole purpose of interviewing candidates for the Town Manager position. Mayor Griffin read Code of Virginia §2.2-3712 B. – The notice provisions of this chapter shall not apply to closed session meetings of any public body held solely for the purpose of interviewing candidates for the position of chief administrative officer. Prior to any such closed meeting for the purpose of interviewing candidates, the public body shall announce in an open meeting that such closed meeting shall be held at a disclosed or undisclosed location within 15 days thereafter.

Councilman Bond makes a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Patton, and unanimously carried, to adjourn.

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**William R. Griffin, Mayor**

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**Kayla Cox, Town Manager**